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Civil Society Forum



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The 6th annual meeting of the
Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum
20-21 November 2014, Batumi, Georgia

AGENDA

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Arrival of participants

- 15:00 **Registration, Hotel "Radisson Blu"**
- 19:00 - 20:30 **Reception hosted by the Georgian Government at Sheraton Batumi** (Rustaveli St. 28)



09:00 - 10:00 *Coffee and Registration*

10:00 - 10:30 **Opening speeches**
Venue: Grand Ballroom

Introduction: **Lasha Tugushi**,
Chair of the Georgian National Platform of EaP CSF

Speakers:

Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia

EEAS Representative [Video Address]

Arzu Abdullayeva, International Helsinki Citizen's Assembly, Azerbaijan

10:30 - 12:00 **Panel I: Human Rights in the Eastern Partnership: Reestablishing EU Focus amid Deterioration**

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Gerald Knaus**, European Stability Initiative

Martin Hagström, Ambassador of Sweden for the Eastern Partnership

Shahla Ismayil, Women's Association for Rational Development, Azerbaijan

Oleksandra Delemenchuk, EuroMaidan SOS, Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine

Artur Sakunts, Helsinki Citizens' Assembly Vanadzor

12:00 - 13:00 *Lunch*



13:00 - 14:30 Parallel Panels:

Panel IIa: Eastern Partnership in a New Security Environment: The Russia Factor

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Richard Giragosian**, Regional Studies Centre, Armenia

Dirk Schuebel, European External Action Service

Andrzej Cieszkowski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to Georgia

Oleksandr Sushko, Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine

Viorel Cibotaru, European Institute for Political Studies

Sergi Kapanadze, Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS)

Panel IIb: Propaganda and Information Warfare in Times of Conflict: How to Navigate?

Venue: Meeting Room 3

Moderator: **Kristina Vaiciunaite**, Eastern Europe Studies Centre

Petru Macovei, Secretary of the Moldovan Press Council

Barbara von Ow-Freytag, EU-Russia Civil Society Forum

Krzysztof Bobiński, Unia Polska Foundation

Tatyana Matychak, StopFake, Ukraine

14:30 - 15:00 Coffee break and elections of Country Facilitators

(only for EaP countries' delegations)

Venue: Grand Ballroom: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus;

Meeting room 1: Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

15:00 - 16:30 Session in plenary

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderated by **Jeff Lovitt**, Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP CSF

CSF Steering Committee report on the SC and Forum activities 2013-2014

CSF participation in Policy Forum for Development, Vazha Salamadze, Civil Society Institute, Georgia

Adoption of the Forum's strategy and discussion on internal matters



16:30 - 18:30 **Working Group meetings in parallel sessions:**

- WG 1 Democracy, human rights, good governance and stability**
Simultaneous Interpretation (Venue: Grand Ballroom)
- WG 2. Economic integration and convergence with EU policies**
(Venue: Meeting room 4)
- WG 3. Environment, climate change and energy security**
(Venue: Meeting room 2)
- WG 4. Contacts between people**
Simultaneous Interpretation (Venue: Meeting room 3)
- WG 5. Social Policy and Social Dialogue**
(Venue: Meeting room 1)

Goals:

Report on activities in 2013 – 2014 and presentation the results of WG projects
Work plans for 2014 – 2015

18:00 - 18:30 Elections of WG coordinators



09:00 - 09:30 *Welcome Coffee*

09:30 - 11:00 **Panel III: Future of the Eastern Partnership:
Bridging the Divide and Addressing Obstacles to Reform**

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Ulad Vialichka**, Chairperson of International Consortium EUROBELARUS

Davit Usupashvili, Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia

Juris Poikans, Ambassador for Eastern Partnership, Latvia

Leila Alieva, Centre for National and International Studies, Azerbaijan

Leonid Litra, Institute of World Policy;

Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, Ukraine

11:00 - 11:30 **Presentations of nominations for EU Coordinators**

Venue: Grand Ballroom

11:30 - 12:30 **Session in plenary: updates from the European Commission**

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderator: **Natalia Yerashevich**, Director, Secretariat of the
Steering Committee of the EaP CSF

Regional support to civil society and results of the Regional Civil Society Facility call

Monica Bucurenciu, EuropeAid, European Commission (EC)

EU roadmaps for engagement with civil society -

Thomas Hansen, EuropeAid, EC

EU roadmap for engagement with civil society in Georgia -

Helga Pender, EU Delegation Georgia

European Commission's bilateral programs -

Sinziana Poiana, EuropeAid, EC

12:30 - 12:45 *Group photo*

12:45 - 13:45 *Lunch*

13:45 - 15:15 **Parallel subgroup sessions**

Wg1 (Venue: Grand Ballroom)

- Subgroup: Human Rights and Judiciary reform
- Subgroup: Election Monitoring reform
- Subgroup: VISA facilitation group
- Subgroup: Regional security Subgroup:
Fight against corruption
- Subgroup: Media Freedom
- Subgroup: Public administration

WG2 (Venue: Meeting room 4)

- Subgroup Trade and Trade Regulated
Cooperation linked to Deep and
Comprehensive Free Trade
Agreements (DCFTAs)
- Subgroup: SME Policy
- Subgroup: Territorial, regional and cross
border cooperation

WG3 (Venue: Meeting room 2)

- Subgroup: Energy Security
- Subgroup: Climate Change and Environment
Protection

Wg4 (Venue: Meeting room 3)

- Subgroup: Culture
- Subgroup: Education
- Subgroup: Youth

WG5 (Venue: Meeting room 1)

- Subgroup: Social policy

15:15 - 15:30 **Coffee break and election of EU Coordinators**

Venue: Grand Ballroom

15:30 - 16:00 **Discussion of work plans for 2014-2015 in subgroups (Part 2)
Election of sub-groups coordinators**

16:00 - 17:00 **Reporting by subgroups to the respective Working Group**

- introduction of subgroup coordinators,
- common WG conclusions/initiatives to take forward

*Venue: WG1 - Grand Ballroom; WG2 - Meeting room 4;
WG3 - Meeting room 2; WG4 - Meeting room 3; WG5 - Meeting room 1*

17:00 - 18:00 **Session in plenary**

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Moderated by **Boris Navasardian**, Yerevan Press Club, Country Facilitator for Armenia

- Discussion of joint resolutions
- Adoption of joint resolution
- Closing of the Assembly

18:20 - 19:20 **Joint meeting of the outgoing and newly elected members of the
EaP CSF Steering Committee (for the members of the SC only)**

Side Events

open to attendees of the EaP CSF annual meeting;
external participants must register with support@eap-csf.eu

Youth Event: Strengthening Youth Voice in the Eastern Partnership Region

18-19 November, 2014
Georgia Palace Hotel, Kobuleti

Time: 9:00 - 15:30



Civil society and Peace-building: How can the Eastern Partnership Contribute?

Time: 16:30 - 18:00



Important, Forgotten, or Irrelevant?

Stakeholders' Survey on Post-Vilnius Eastern Partnership

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

EU in Myths and Reality:

Views of the Eastern Partnership Countries

Time: 19:00 - 20:30



Civil Servants and Anti-Corruption

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

Discussion of Bilateral Civil Society

Platforms envisaged by the EU's

Association Agreements with Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

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Exhibition: Behind the scenes – Human Rights in Azerbaijan

A brief inside into problems of contemporary Azerbaijan, such as dictatorship, political prisoners, lack of freedom of speech, assembly and the press, or illegal expropriations.

Organiser: People in Need and Nesehnutí, Czech Republic.

Venue: Foyer, Radisson Blu Hotel

More information on side-events can be found on the www.eapcsf-assembly.org

